

## BOOTBLACK MAKES FORTUNE SHINING

Polishes Governor's Boots With Energy, Laying Foundation for Success.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 23.—This is the story of a man who made a modest fortune shining shoes—who despite his humble calling is one of the best known and most picturesque characters in California—and yet, because he prizes it above all else, the story is more of his life than the man.

Taylor Walker is known as "the political bootblack," which title he can now lay undisturbed claim to inasmuch as he has just blacked the shoes of Gov. W. D. Stephens, the 13th state executive to become one of Taylor's patrons.

In the early seventies Taylor Walker, then a boy of 14 years, fled from the southland and eventually settled in Sacramento. For lack of better occupation he became a bootblack. A happy philosophy of life prompted him to give a cheery smile to each of his customers, in addition to a brilliant polish to the gentleman's boots, and in this probably lay the basis for his unusual success.

Became Regular Patron. The first of a series of incidents which later earned him the appellation of "political bootblack" occurred one morning early in April, 1875, when Newton Booth, then governor of California, chanced to drop into one of Taylor's chairs for a shine.

The young bootblack polished long and diligently on the governor's cowhide boots and, when his task was done, gave the state executive a warm smile in lieu of the customary "Thank you." From that day on Booth became a regular patron of the negro boy's stand.

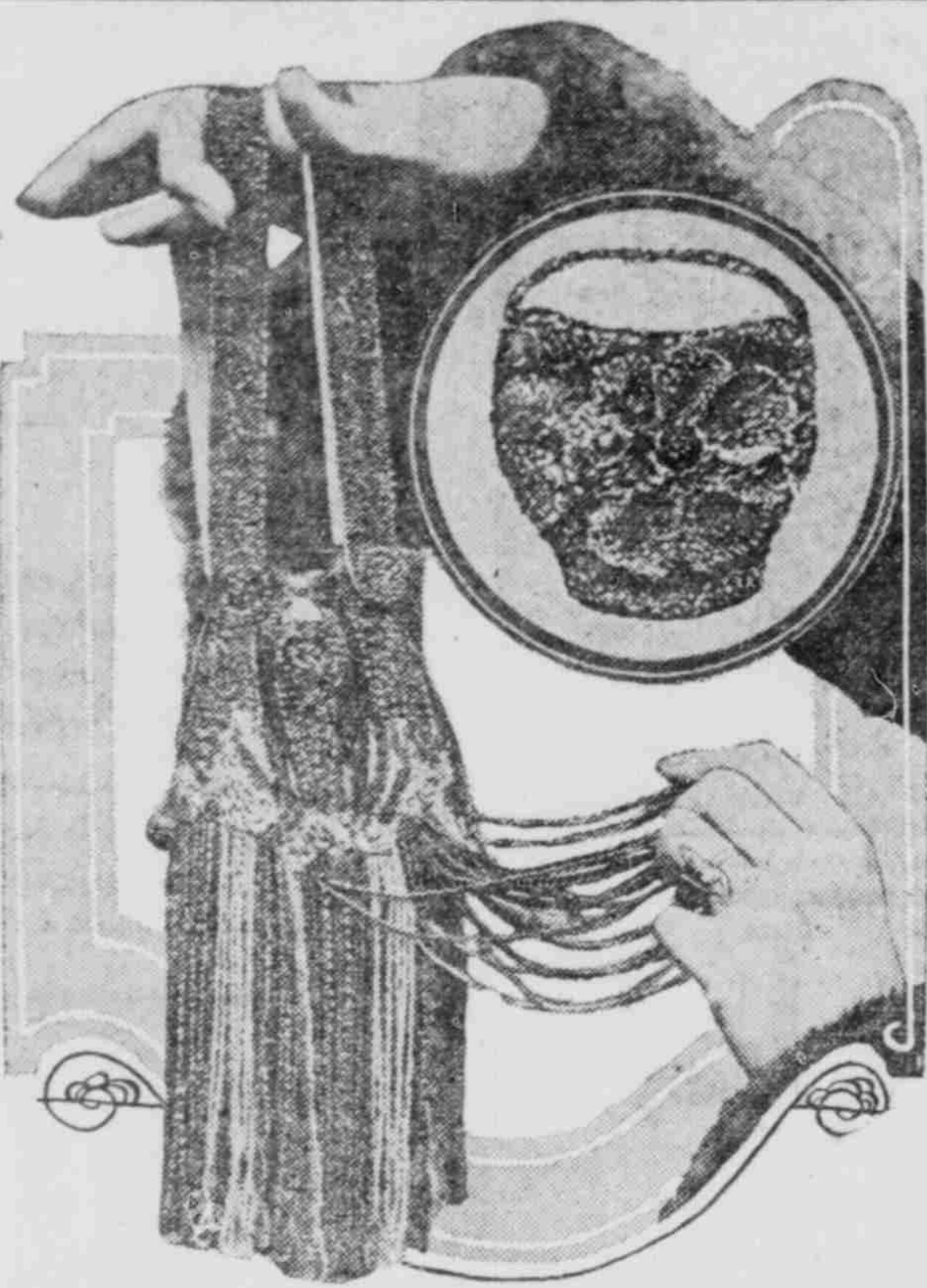
Later, when his term of office was ended, Gov. Booth established a precedent which has been seldom broken since by bringing his successor to Taylor Walker's stand and introducing him to the gubernatorial bootblack.

Became Politicians' Mecca.

The colored boy's little stand became more and more a favorite with the politicians. Members of the state legislature, public officials and candidates for office—all came to Taylor to have their shoes polished. It became a general clearing house for political gossip, and Taylor gradually picked up an intimate knowledge of politics, so that he could chat intelligently with his patrons. Finally came the event which ended all disputes as to his right to be called "the political bootblack." Pres. Grant, stopping off in Sacramento on a tour of the state, was brought to Taylor's stand to have his shoes shined. Taylor looks upon this as one of the proudest moments of his life, although later he also blacked the shoes of Pres. Benjamin Harrison.

By constant work and careful investment of his savings Taylor is now financially independent, but although past 60 years of age he still works a full eight-hour day at his stand, polishing the shoes of many of California's state officials and a host of Sacramento's leading citizens.

## It's a Season of Accessories



NEW YORK, March 23.—If one could judge by merely walking down the avenue, glimpsing smartly-clad women and peering into shop windows, one might say that it is to be a season of accessories.

Designers have let their fancy run riot with heads and colors in the fashioning of bags and cases for day and evening use.

Queer, gay little Chinamen strut about in queer, gay little landscapes on Missy's beaded purse.

A single beaded flower, a rose, a pansy in natural coloring conceals a tiny pocket at the back and becomes a vanity case.

Some of the latter are lined with delicately colored silks, and are so beaded that one could be found to match almost any evening gown.

Long fringe is seen much on many

of the newer bags, fringe so long and so thick that, like this Nouveaute model, the greater part of the purse itself is hidden. A combination of soft gray and red is used with black in the beading of this marvelously soft and lovely purse.

### JIUJITSU GOT HIM.

COLUMBUS, O., March 23.—Toshio Fujimoto, jiu-jitsu instructor at Ohio State university, invited two husky students to try to throw him. Now he's in university hospital with both arms and legs paralyzed.

## MILITARY MAN TO ADDRESS LUNCHEON

Capt. State to Relate Numerous Experiences Before Chamber of Commerce.

Capt. J. Milton State, connected with the department of public instruction of the bureau of commercial economics, will be the speaker at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday noon. His subject will be "Our Northern Neighbors," and the talk will be illustrated with stereoscopic views.

Capt. State was born in Canada but received his education in the United States. At the age of 19 he became a cattleman in South Africa, later serving with the imperial army in various sections of Africa, India, Australia and the Far East. He served four years with the British forces during the World war and in 1918 was assigned to the United States government to aid in the allies' propaganda program. Since that time he has lectured in Great Britain and in America.

He returned recently from a tour through Canada, where, accompanied by photographers, he secured the

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## BASKET BALL

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—vs.—  
SOUTH BEND HIGH SCHOOL

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for these two days

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## R. R. PECK'S SHOE STORE

109 West Washington Avenue

material for the lectures he is giving this season. He is said to be an entertaining speaker, and his subject well worth while.

## WORSHIPERS INJURED BY BOMB IN CHURCH

BELFAST, March 23.—A bomb was hurled into an entrance to St. Matthews Catholic church during Lenten devotion last night. Two women who remained on their knees were terribly wounded by the explosion. Others of the congregation had hair-breadth escapes.

Two boys were killed in sporadic sniping throughout the city and other bombs were thrown.

... RUM SHIP AT \$15,000. NEW YORK, March 23.—Liquor improves with age, but it doesn't improve the ship it's carried in. Government sold good ship Javary, valued at \$300,000 for \$15,000. It was seized in rum running war.

We dare you to find out how much better Blue Devil in your bath tub will make you feel.

## BANDITS ROB BANK; ESCAPE WITH \$20,000

CHICAGO, March 23.—A band of armed bandits today held up the Berger Loan bank today and escaped with diamonds and jewelry said to be worth \$20,000. Louis Berger, the proprietor, was struck on the head with a pistol when he hesitated in throwing up his hands.

## "Moonshine" Appears Against

Owner, Costing \$130 More Finding the defendant guilty, City Judge Chester L. DuComb Thursday fined Wladislaw Martineczek, 721 Jackson st., and suspended a jail sentence of 60 days, for violation of the liquor law. Martineczek paid the fine and costs amounting to \$130. Three gallons of "moonshine"

## BRONCHITIS

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whisky, said to have been removed from his home March 18 and for which he was charged with unlawful possession, "appeared" in court as evidence.

REPORT TIDAL WAVE LONDON, March 23.—A three-foot tidal wave engulfed St. Peter, today, according to a Central news dispatch from there.

## DENTISTRY

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## "Going Over the Top"

# New Manager's Big Sale Still in Progress!

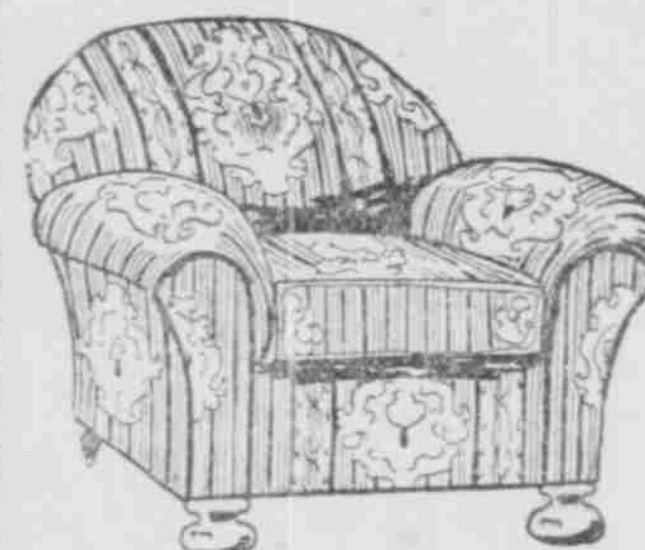
Here are a few of the many values to be had:

## Another Big Drive on Parlor Suites

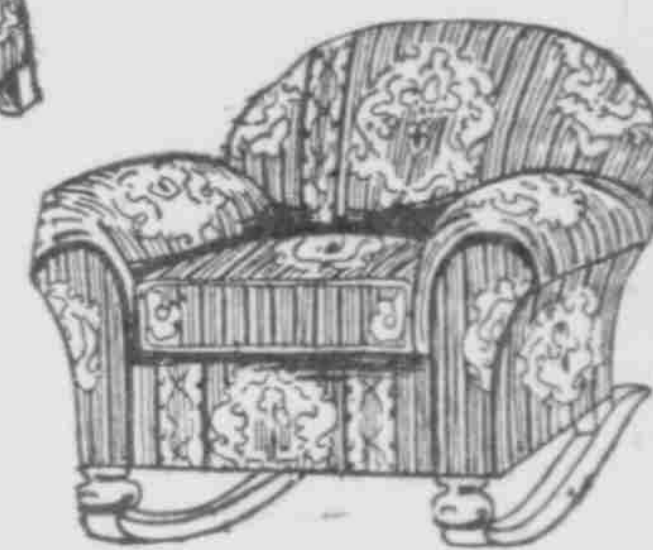
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New Goods Arriving Daily

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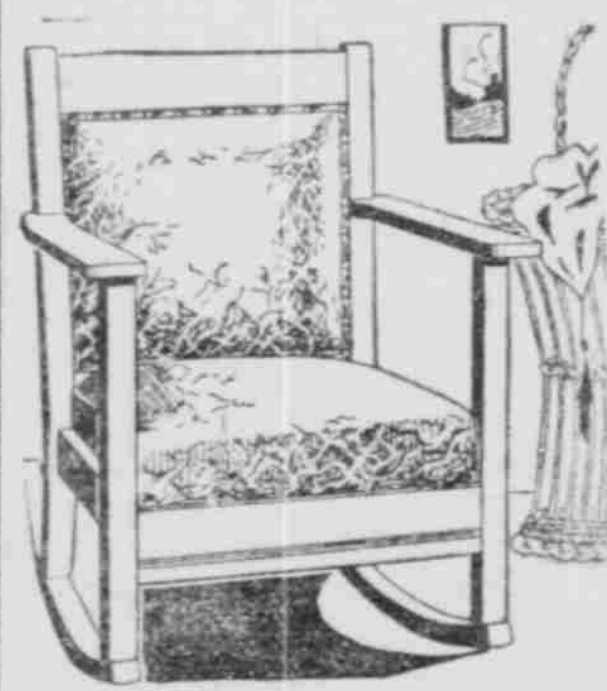
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Silk Shade and Large Mahogany Base

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